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TAGS: OREP (SOLARZ, STEPHEN J.)

SUBJECT: CODEL SOLARZ

REF: (A) STATE 237231; (B) STATE 234162; (C) WILEY-DEAN

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1. FOLLOWING ARE EXCERPTS FROM REFTELS RELEVANT TO CODEL'S
PROJECTED TRIP TO BAGHDAD, SCHEDULED OCT. 17/18, 1975.
SOLARZ ACCOMPANIED BY WIFE.

2. ITINERY: NEW YORK, LONDON, CAIRO (OCT. 14 - OCT 16),
KUWAIT OCT 16-17. ARRIVE BAGHDAD 1420 OCT. 17, IA 12;
DEPART BAGHDAD 1590 (SIC) SA 803 OCT 18 FOR RIYADH, ETC.

3. CODEL REQUESTS ONE DOUBLE AND ONE SINGLE AT THE MERIDIAN
HOTEL IN CAIRO AND AT THE INTERCONTINENTAL IN AMMAN AND AT
ALL OTHER POSTS REQUESTS RESERVATIONS AT FIRST CLASS MODER-
ATE PRICED HOTEL. CODEL WOULD OF COURSE BE DELIGHTED TO
ACCEPT INVITATION TO STAY AT AMBASSADOR'S RESIDENCE IF CON-
VENIENT.

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4. AUTHORIZATION: PROVISIONS CA-10315 DATED OCT 16, 1972 APPLY. USE OF LOCAL CURRENCIES 19FT510 FUNDS UP TO EQUIVALENT US DOLS 75 PER DAY PLUS ACTUAL TRANSPORTATION COSTS AUTHORIZED. APPOINT CONTROL OFFICER AND INFORM DEPT OF NAME AND HOME PHONE NUMBER, MEET, ASSIST, PROVIDE TRANSPORTATION. HOUSE COMMITTEE ON INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS.

5. PURPOSE AND NATURE OF VISIT: SOLARZ IS NEW MEMBER HOUSE INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS COMMITTEE TRYING TO DEVELOP EXPERTISE IN MIDDLE EASTERN AFFAIRS, AND IS MAKING HIS THIRD TRIP TO AREA TO FURTHER THIS GOAL. SOLARZ EMPHASIZES THAT THIS A WORKING VISIT, THAT HE WANTS TO BE KEPT BUSY AND DOES NOT MIND LONG HOURS AND THAT HE WANTS AS MUCH SUBSTANTIVE EXPOSURE AS POSSIBLE IN EACH COUNTRY. ALTHOUGH SOLARZ WISHES TO AVOID PURELY SOCIAL EVENTS, HE HAS NO OBJECTION TO WORKING BREAKFASTS, LUNCHESES, OR DINNERS, PARTICULARLY IF THIS IS GOOD WAY TO MEET WITH LOCAL OFFICIALS.

6. SUBSTANTIVE INTERESTS: CONGRESSMAN GENERALLY INTERESTED IN POLITICAL, MILITARY, AND ECONOMIC AFFAIRS. SPECIFICALLY HE HAS IDENTIFIED FOLLOWING AS SUBJECTS HE WOULD LIKE TO COVER DURING TRIP:

A. IMPLICATIONS OF THE RECENTLY CONCLUDED INTERIM SINAI AGREEMENT, INCLUDING HOST COUNTRY ATTITUDES TOWARD IT, ITS SHORT AND LONG TERM AFFECTS ON US RELATIONS WITH HOST COUNTRY, AND HOST COUNTRY VIEWS OF US AND SOVIET ROLES AND PROSPECTS FOR RENEWAL OF WAR OR ACHIEVEMENT OF PEACE.

B. US ARMS POLICY WITH REGARD TO HOST COUNTRY.

C. PETROLEUM, INCLUDING FUTURE PRICE INCREASES, OPEC DEVELOPMENTS AND SUPPLIES TO THE US.

7. APPOINTMENTS: CONGRESSMAN REQUESTED APPOINTMENTS IN EACH COUNTRY WITH CHIEF OF STATE, HEAD OF GOVERNMENT, FOREIGN MINISTER, DEFENSE MINISTER AND PETROLEUM MINISTER. DEPARTMENT ADVISED HIM THAT IT WILL BE EXTREMELY DIFFICULT TO ARRANGE APPOINTMENTS WITH SO MANY TOP LEVEL OFFICIALS, LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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PARTICULARLY GIVEN LIMITED TIME AVAILABLE. SOLARZ EXPRESSED UNDERSTANDING OF SITUATION AND STATED THAT HE IS WILLING TO MEET WITH SUITABLE DEPUTIES IF APPOINTMENTS WITH PRINCIPALS CANNOT BE OBTAINED. IN ADDITION TO FOREGOING, SOLARZ HAS IDENTIFIED FOLLOWING OTHER PERSONS HE WOULD LIKE TO MEET WITH IN SPECIFIC COUNTRIES:

A. IRAQ: VICE CHAIRMAN OF REVOLUTIONARY COUNCIL SADAAM

HUSAYN; ALSO VISIT TO JEWISH QUARTER TO MEET WITH REPRESENTATIVES OF JEWISH COMMUNITY AND TO A SYNAGOGUE.

8. CONGRESSMAN WOULD APPRECIATE POSTS ARRANGING SEPARATE PROGRAM FOR MRS. SOLARZ. MRS. SOLARZ IS INTERESTED IN GENERAL AREAS OF EDUCATION, HEALTH AND SOCIAL SERVICES AND WOULD LIKE TO MEET WITH ANY APPROPRIATE HOST COUNTRY LEADERS IN THESE FIELDS, (PARTICULARLY WOMEN) AND TO VISIT SCHOOLS, HOSPITALS, AND PUBLIC HEALTH AND SOCIAL SERVICE FACILITIES.

9. USINT REQUESTED TO RESPOND URGENTLY TO PARAGRAPH 7A. KISSINGER

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